MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: May I know from Government whether there is any recent prospect of reduction in the rate per unit in Trivandrum?

MR. K. P. P. MENON: A reduction in the rates for power has been made from the first of July.

Special staff for Cholera duty.

130. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle followed by the Darbar Physician in the matter of appointing special staff for cholera duty;

(*b*) whether such men were specifically told that such appointment will not entitle them for any preference over others who were above them in the list of applicants for appointment as medical officers; and

(*c*) whether any change has been effected in the list with regard to the priority of claim for appointment on account of service in connection with cholera special duty?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) It is not always practicable to follow any set principle in the matter of emergent recruitment of medical officers for the prevention and treatment of epidemics, such as plague or cholera, except that the readily available candidate will be appointed.

(*b*) No; but it was stated in every order of appointment that that appointment did not guarantee any preference for future permanent appointments in the department.

(*c*) In view of answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this question does not arise.

Dispensing with the services of a Lady Medical Graduate.

131. *MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there has been any instance of dispensing with the services of any lady medical graduate:

(*b*) if so, the name of the lady doctor; and

(*c*) whether any other was appointed in the vacancy so caused, if so, who and the reason therefor?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these do not arise.

The Darbar Physician.

132. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the medical qualifications possessed by the Darbar Physician; and

(*b*) what administrative experience he had before he was appointed as Darbar Physician?

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